

# Jorge Lanata

**Jorge Lanata** (born 12 September 1960 in Mar del Plata) is an Argentine journalist and writer, born in Mar del Plata in 1960. He founded the leftist Argentine newspaper Página 12 in 1987 and co-founded the daily newspaper Crítica de la Argentina on March 2, 2008, and was its director until April 4, 2009.<sup>[1]</sup> His grandfather was Agustín Lanata, a well known footballer of the second decade of the 20th century.<sup>[2]</sup>

He started his career at 14 writing short news for Radio Nacional. Since 1977 he was a collaborator of several written media: *Siete Días* magazine, *Clarín Revista*. In 1983 he entered the news program of Radio Belgrano and made investigation reports for *Sin Anestesia* show, while collaborating with *Humor*, *El Periodista* and *El Porteño* magazines.

He was a founder of the *Cooperativa de Periodistas* that purchased the monthly magazine *El Porteño*, and was its editor in chief. In 1987 he founded *Página 12* newspaper, and was its director until 1994. From 1990 until 1993 he hosted *Hora 25* radio show, and between 1994 and 1996 *Rompe/Cabezas* (1995 Martín Fierro Award for best journalistic show in radio). He regularly published in media abroad (*Miami Herald*, *El Espectador* -Colombia-, among others).

He directed *Veintitrés* (<http://www.veintitres.com>) (*Twenty-Three*) magazine. He hosted *Día D* (*D-day*), a very popular TV show that achieved Martín Fierro award for best journalistic television show in 1996 and 1997, and Clarín Award for best TV show in 2003. Lanata himself achieved a Martín Fierro Award for Best Journalistic TV Host in 1996, 1997 and 2004.

He produced the documentary series BRIC: The New World in 2010.

In 2012 Lanata came back to TV with a new show called "Periodismo para todos". The 2013 edition worked with the case of the K money trail.

In December 2015 the Citizen's Lab, at the Munk School for Global Affairs, at University of Toronto, identified Lanata and several other South American opposition figures as having their cellphones targeted for extrajudicial surveillance by government associated hackers.<sup>[3]</sup>



Jorge Lanata in 1994.

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## Books and literature

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In 1987 he published *El nuevo periodismo* (*The New Journalism*) as a compiler, and the following year *La guerra de las piedras* (*War of the Stones*, report). He also published *Polaroids* (short stories, 1991), *Historia de Teller* (novel, 1992), *Cortinas de Humo* (*Smokescreens*, 1995, in collaboration with American journalist Joe Goldman), an investigation on the 1994 terrorist attack to the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association (AMIA), and *Vuelta de página* (*Turn of the Page*, 1997), a collection of press articles written throughout his whole journalistic career. One of his short stories, "Oculten la luna" ("Hide the Moon"), was included in *Prospero's Mirror* (Curbstone Press of united States). His books *Argentinos 1* and *Argentinos 2* sold more than 340.000 copies, and were edited in Spain in a single volume. In 2004 he published *ADN, mapa genético de los defectos argentinos* (*DNA, Genetic Map of Argentine Faults*, essay).

## Films

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In October 2004, he premiered *Deuda* (*Debt*), a documentary on foreign debt and his *opera prima* in cinema discussing bureaucratic corruption and ignorance.

## Awards

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- 2013 Tato award as best journalist hosting<sup>[4]</sup>
- 2013 Martín Fierro Awards
  - Best male journalist<sup>[5]</sup>
- 2015 Martín Fierro awards
  - Golden Martín Fierro Award
  - Best male journalist (for *Periodismo para todos*)

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